

# **UNAPPROVED**

## **Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission** **Public Hearing/Public Meeting**

**November 19, 2008**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room, Wethersfield Police Department, 250 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present: Antonio L. Margiotta, Chairman  
David Ambrose, Vice-Chairman  
David Forrest  
Frank Morris  
Brent M. Owen  
Lou Sanzaro  
Matthew Zagata

Also Present: Michael Turner, Wetlands Agent

Chairman Margiotta opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**GENERAL COMMENTS** (Five (5) persons in the audience)

No comments.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Application No. 578-08, Town of Wethersfield**

Update of Inland Wetlands Regulations to include new FEMA mapping reference effective September 26, 2008.

Michael J. Turner, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer represented the applicant. Mr. Turner presented the exhibit plan adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the FEMA mapping. The town has not received any written comments on the new FEMA mapping. The mapping was being upgraded by FEMA to a digital model countywide. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Commissioner Forrest, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose to close the Public Hearing.

All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

### **Application No. 575-08, Town of Wethersfield**

Update of Inland Wetlands Regulations to include new FEMA mapping reference effective September 26, 2008.

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Forrest to accept the change of Inland Wetlands Regulations Section 96-27 US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed. The regulation change will be effective upon publication of the legal notice.

### **Application No. 579-08 E/S, Douglas R. & Virginia Buck, 411 Hartford Ave., Parcel No. 212-001.**

Application for Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Certification for construction of proposed Arts Academy.

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Forrest to **TABLE** the application due to non-appearance of applicants.

All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Application No. 580-08 Herbert Symmes, Land of Linda Peterson, 268 Brimfield Rd., Parcel No. 178-068**

Application to replace and enlarge an existing garage within a regulated area.

Herbert Symmes, Owner, Building Images and Linda Peterson, Applicant appeared before the Commission. Mr. Symmes explained the project to the Commission and stated that the entire garage will be replaced and expanded by 3 feet.

Mr. Turner, Public Works Director/Town Engineer stated to the Commission that the staff has reviewed the project and the reason why this application has been brought to the Commission is due to the enlargement within the new FEMA revised 100-year flood plain.

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Sanzaro to **APPROVE** the application. Commissioner Forrest abstained.

All remaining Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Application No. 581-08, Town of Wethersfield, various locations Meadows Roads.**

Application to maintain existing gravel roads and add materials within a designated 100-year flood plain.

Michael Turner, Public Works Director/Town Engineer represented the applicant.

Mr. Turner explained the proposed activity on the project. The town appeared before the Commission back on November 20, 2003 to renew this application using the same type of materials.

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Owen to **APPROVE as a SUMMARY RULING with Stipulations** the application using the guidelines previously approved on November 19, 2003 by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission under Application No. 496-03 ES. The stipulations are:

1. The roads shall include Great Meadow Road, First Lane, Second Lane, Elm St. and Elm St. Ext.
2. The total cubic yardage of material brought in shall not exceed 1000 cubic yards over the five-year term of this permit.
3. The applicant shall provide an annual report of the amount of fill placed each year.
4. The applicant shall notify the Wetland Agent of each occurrence of fill placement and estimated quantity of fill placement per occurrence.

All Commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed.

**Application No. 582-08 Town of Wethersfield, Spring St. Skating Pond, Parcel No. 243-001 & 244-001**

Application to repair washout of pond berm and construct a plunge pool.

Michael Turner, Public Works Director/Town Engineer represented the applicant.

Mr. Turner explained that the town would be going to the DEP for a dam repair permit. The town staff will not be involved with construction of this project and that an outside contractor will be hired. This pond was constructed 40 years ago and pond washed out in June and July 2008. This area is located in the 100-year flood plain zone. The town removed the flashboards but the pond still overtops. The pond cannot pass a 10- year storm. There is currently no spillway erosion control in place and recommends the installation of a riprap plunge pool and emergency spillway adjacent to the existing structure (not currently depicted on the plans).

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Owen to **APPROVE** the application with the following stipulation:

1. Installation of an emergency spill way.

All Commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed.

**Review of site plan Revisions to previously approved Application No. 577-08 E/S, OR & L Construction, Land of Wethersfield Shopping Center LLC, 1025 Silas Deane Highway, Parcel No. 230-045**

Application for Erosion and Sedimentation Certification for construction of new medical building.

Pat Gorman, Principal, the LRC Group represented the applicant.

Mr. Gorman presented revised E&S drawings and explained to the Commissioner that the plan was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The site has been revisited and several changes have been made regarding the Erosion & Sedimentation control plan, drainage, detention and traffic circulation and phasing.

Motion by Commissioner Forrest, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose to **CERTIFY** the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan with the following stipulation:

1. Installation of Anti-tracking pad installed on the north side during the initial phase I & II of construction.

All Commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes –October 15, 2008 (TM,GC,DF,JH,BO)

Motion by Commissioner Owen, seconded by Commissioner Forrest to approve the October 15, 2008 minutes. All Commissioners present at meeting voted in favor.  
Motion passed.

2. Correspondence (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

- a. Town of Rocky Hill notification of a wetlands application with 500 of the Town of Wethersfield, for rehabilitation work on the Middletown Ave. / Old Main St. Bridge.
- b. State of Connecticut DEP 2008 Legislation and Regulations Advisory (May require a regulation change).
- c. email notification from State of Connecticut DEP of Grants to Municipalities for control of invasive plants.
- d. General Statutes of Connecticut, Revised to January 1, 2007.

3. Commissioner Forrest distributed a draft regulation amendment, which would allow the IWWC to hire outside experts and consultants at applicants expense to assist the commission with reviews. Mr. Turner felt the idea was sound, but may wish to be re-worked to allow all boards and commissions, such as TPZ and HDC to do the same. Staff will distribute to the other commissions, staff and town attorney for feedback.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Sanzaro to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

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Michael J. Turner, Wetlands Agent

Date